



Paul Duke STEM PTSA General Meeting

February 17, 2021

There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 7:13 pm.

Call to Order (Laurel Berenguer): The meeting will come to order. Good evening. We thank you for attending this virtual Parent Teacher Student Association General Meeting. We have a quorum so may proceed with our meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes (Christine Pulliam): The minutes from the September General Meeting have been posted on the Paul Duke STEM PTSA website and have been emailed to the membership. Are there any corrections to the minutes? There being no corrections, the minutes are approved as written and will be filed for audit.

Financial Report (Brendan Sheppard): As of December 31, 2020, our income was \$33,401, putting us \$6,000 over our budgeted expenses. At this time, we are in the negative with our expenses, but that gap will close as we near the end of the year. We have an excess of \$3,000 allocated for the Outdoor Classroom. We are in good financial shape.

2020 Accomplishments (Tina Budnitz):

Our chief effort this year has been to listen, respond, and adapt to what the school has needed in this unique year and to focus on our support of the school.

Some highlighted accomplishments include Teacher Appreciation Week, Teacher Showcase lunch for the faculty and staff, Trivia Night, the Snowman Extravaganza, and the Outdoor Classroom.

We have also helped families in need through the CARE Team's Need One, Take One student supplies as well as Gift Cards for homeless families over the holidays and assistance to families with challenges such as house fires and car accidents.

Included is a list of PTSA Accomplishments this year:

- Assembled and distributed over 600 science experiment kits
- Disseminated STEM journals
- Free test prep sessions for students
- Paul Duke Dads outdoor classroom workday
- Exam Stress Buster Tiff Cookies distributed
- Virtual coffee with Dr. Wetherington
- Trivia Night
- Snowman Extravaganza
- Student FunRun
- Care Team Support
- Teacher Appreciation and Support
- Student of the Month Awards
- Teacher and Staff of the month awards
- Teacher of the Year
- Lunches for Teacher Hackathon
- Staff holiday treats
- Staff Appreciation Week
- Teacher Wishes granted
- National PTA Covid Relief Grants awarded
- Mathnasium Grant
- MakerSpace enhancement funding

2021 Initiatives/Opportunities (Tisha Tomsik):

Most recently, we have used grant money to provide snacks for the Saturday Intervention, and some more events to come include International Night, the Spring Social, and Coffee with Dr. Wetherington.

Included is a list of PTSA 2021 Initiatives

- International Night
- Staff Luncheon planned by Hospitality Committee
- Spring Social
- Digital Saturday Intervention support
- Coffee with Dr. Wetherington
- Good News for Students

For opportunities, the PTSA has focused on helping teachers with clubs and Honors Societies. Contact Tina Budnitz if you are interested in helping. In addition, this spring we will expand the Outdoor Classroom, and we will create the Memory Garden which will be organized by Kerima Haynes.

Included is a list of PTSA 2021 Opportunities

- Activities and Clubs support, specifically the Honor Societies
- Identification of volunteer opportunities for students

- Movie Night· Staff luncheon
- Expansion of outdoor classroom
- Memory garden and tree planting
- Senior Scholarships and Student Awards, Spring Diagnostic ACT/SAT, Spring

2021 Nominating Committee Election (Andrea Antonowich): The purpose of the Nominating Committee is to recognize and seek qualified nominees for the elected leadership of the Paul Duke STEM PTSA. Andrea stated that the nominating committee must be composed of three PTSA members and one alternate, all of whom need to be elected tonight.

Names submitted for the Nominating Committee include Andrea Antonowich, Lisa Grogin, Christine Pulliam, and Nicole Syvertson. Andrea called for any additional nominations. There being none, the nominations were closed.

A vote was held. By acclamation, the four nominees were elected as members of the 2021 Nominating Committee.

Andrea listed the openings on the Executive Board and several Committee positions. Members were invited to become involved in our PTSA.

Closing Remarks (Laurel Berenguer): Thank you to everyone for your volunteer efforts this year. If you are interested in serving on the PTSA, please contact us to learn of ways that you can support the students and teachers of Paul Duke STEM High School.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm

Digital Signature: Christine Pulliam